



# THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

## MEMORANDUM

March \_\_, 2011

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Energy and Power

FROM: Subcommittee on Energy and Power Staff

RE: Hearing on "Climate Science and EPA's Greenhouse Gas Regulations"

On Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2123 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Energy and Power will hold a hearing entitled "Climate Science and EPA's Greenhouse Gas Regulations."

### I. WITNESSES

The invited witnesses are:

Dr. Richard Somerville  
Distinguished Professor Emeritus,  
Scripps Institution of Oceanography  
University of California, San Diego

Dr. Christopher Field  
Director, Department of Global Ecology  
Carnegie Institution of Washington  
Stanford, CA

Dr. Francis W. Zwiers  
Director, Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium  
University of Victoria  
Victoria, British Columbia

Dr. Donald Roberts  
Professor Emeritus,  
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences  
Bethesda, MD

Dr. John R. Christy  
Director, Earth System Science Center  
University of Alabama in Huntsville

Dr. Roger Pielke, Sr.  
Senior Research Scientist,  
Cooperative Institute for Research in  
Environmental Sciences  
University of Colorado at Boulder

Dr. Knute Nadelhoffer  
Director, University of Michigan Biological Station  
University of Michigan

## **II. BACKGROUND**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has begun to impose GHG regulations under the Clean Air Act (“CAA”). The initial GHG regulations began to go into effect January 2, 2011, and affect both mobile and stationary sources. These GHG rules represent the beginning of EPA’s regulation of GHG emissions under the CAA, and additional GHG related rulemakings are scheduled or expected.

On February 9, 2011, the Committee held a hearing on “H.R. 910, The Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011,” which addresses the Environmental Protection Agency’s pending GHG regulations and would amend the CAA to prohibit the agency from using the existing CAA as a vehicle for regulation of GHGs subject to limited exceptions. Subsequent to that hearing, on February 24, 2011, Ranking Members Waxman and Rush sent a letter to the Chairmen Upton and Whitfield requesting a hearing on the science of climate change prior to moving forward with the pending legislative proposal. This hearing responds to that request.

## **III. STAFF CONTACTS**

If you have any questions regarding this hearing, please contact Maryam Brown at 5-2927.